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(b) A drill with a steel bit to drill holes in frozen product for inserting the metal thermometer stem to determine temperature.

(c) Scales graduated in tenths of a pound or less for weighing carcasses, parts, or products individually or in containers up to 100 pounds, and test weights for such scales.

(d) Scales graduated in one-pound graduation or less for weighing bulk containers of poultry and test weights for such scales.

(e) Furnished adequate office space, a desk equipped with a satisfactory locking device, lockers or cabinets suitable for the protection and storage of official supplies and facilities suitable for graders to change clothing.

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§ 70.16 Prerequisites to grading.

Grading of products shall be rendered pursuant to the regulations in this part and under such conditions and in accordance with such methods as may be prescribed or approved by the Administrator.

§ 70.17 Accessibility of products.

Each product for which grading service is requested shall be so placed as to disclose fully its class, quality, quantity, and condition as the circumstances may warrant.

§ 70.18 Schedule of operation of official plants.

Grading operation schedules for services performed pursuant to §§ 70.76 and 70.77 shall be requested in writing and be approved by the Administrator. Normal operating schedules for a full week consist of a continuous 8-hour period per day (excluding not to exceed 1 hour for lunch), 5 consecutive days per week, within the administrative workweek, Sunday through Saturday, for each shift required. Less than 8-hour schedules may be requested and will be approved if a grader is available. Clock hours of daily operations need not be specified in the request, although as a condition of continued approval, the hours of operation shall be reasonably

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uniform from day to day. Graders are to be notified by management 1 day in advance of any change in the hours grading service is requested.

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PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

§ 70.20 Licensed or authorized graders.

(a) Any person who is a Federal or State employee, the employee of a local jurisdiction, or the employee of a cooperating agency possessing proper qualifications as determined by an examination for competency and who is to perform grading service under this part may be licensed by the Secretary as a grader.

(b) All licenses issued by the Secretary shall be countersigned by the officer in charge of the poultry grading service of the Agricultural Marketing Service or any other designated officer of such Service.

(c) Any person who is employed by any official plant and possesses proper qualifications as determined by the Administrator may be authorized to grade poultry and/or rabbits on the basis of the U.S. classes, standards, and grades under the supervision of a grader. No person to whom such authorization is granted shall have authority to issue any grading certificates, grading memoranda, or other official documents; and all products graded by any such person shall thereafter be checked graded by a grader.

§ 70.21 Suspension of license; revocation.

Pending final action by the Secretary, any person authorized to countersign a license to perform grading service may, whenever he deems such action necessary to assure that any grading services are properly performed, suspend any license to perform grading service issued pursuant to this part, by giving notice of such suspension to the respective licensee, accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefor. Within 7 days after the receipt of the aforesaid notice and statement of reasons, the licensee may file an appeal in writing, with the Secretary, supported by any argument or evidence that he may wish to offer as